assistance is provided to 239 Non-Governmental organizations to run special schools for children with mental retardation and 9 rehabilitation centers including one vocational training center for the mentally ill. Under the Scheme of Assistance to Purchase of Fitting of Aids and Appliances, aids and appliances are provided on need basis to persons with disability including mentally disabled.

The National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities (NT) is running a three year pilot project called "supported Guardianship Scheme" under which 750 severely disabled persons from below poverty line families are given guardianship on paid basis. The National Trust is also providing financial assistance to 113 day care centers, respite care centers and residential/ permanent homes.

The National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation extends loan upto Rs. 3.00 lakhs for person with mental retardation through his/her parents or legal guardian or spouse and loan upto Rs.5.00 lakhs to the Parent's associations of the persons with mental disability to set up income generating activities.

Shortage of garages

†223. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of car-garages for the ground floor and first floor flats of Type-V in Kaka Nagar, New Delhi, a residential colony of the Central Government Employees;

(b) whether Government would consider the scheme for providing car-garages to the first floor allottees on priority basis; and

(c) if so, by when this scheme would be implemented and if there is no such scheme, whether new car garages would be built so that every allottee could get this facility?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per existing guidelines, ground floor allottees are offered garages only when no first floor allottee of Government accommodation is waiting for allotment of garage.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) at present there is no proposal to build additional car garages.

Government accommodation under general pool scheme

224. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to discontinue the provision of Government accommodation for its employees under the general pool scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government salaries are not aligned towards the high private residential real estate rentals;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to review the proposal; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) At present no such proposal is under consideration.

(b) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) to (e) The salaries to the Central Government employees are fixed as per the recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commission which have been accepted. Only recently *vide* O.M. No. 05/1/2004-IC dated 1.3.2004, on the recommendations of the Fifth CPC, Dearness allowance equal to 50% of the existing pay has been merged with the basic pay *w.e.f.* 1.4.2004 and shown distinctly as Dearness Pay which would be counted for payment of various allowances, including House Rent allowance. This has the effect of increasing HRA of the Central Government Employees by 50% *w.e.f.* 1.4.2004.

Chargesheet in watch and ward staff scam in DDA

225. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vigilance Department of the Delhi Development Authority has chargesheeted more than 50 officials of DDA in the multi-crore watch and ward staff scam of 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof;